

beauty contest was won by a lady ninety years young, Lydia S. Norris, of Seaside, Oregon. There were six contestants. National Convention was to be held in Boston, Massachusetts in 1962. For list of officers, see Appendix.

Nebraska Chapter met again in the fall after National Convention and all State officers were re-elected.

North Dakota State Chapter held their Second Annual State Convention on September 8th and 9th, with thirty members and thirteen guests present. Several of the guests were from Montana. All officers were re-elected.

Oregon Chapter held bi-monthly meetings, the first of which was on January 15th, with ten of their sixteen members present. Mr. Belden reported on the meeting with the State Board of Licensing in December. The Board did not give the masseurs the changes they had asked for, however, a co-ordinating group of five active masseurs was to be appointed to work with the Board of Licensing on matters pertaining to massage. This action was considered to be a step forward. Officers elected were; President Olen O. Rose, Vice-president Oscar S. Nissen, and Secretary-treasurer Charles E. Sample.

Pennsylvania Chapter held promotional meetings in March and April. The May meeting was held in the home of Thomas Fink in Hellertown. Election of officers was held in July. They were; President Leslie B. Hock, Vice-president John G. Hiestand and Secretary-treasurer Paul A. Sittler. The yearly Tri-State Clinic was held October 15th in Allentown.

Rhode Island officers elected in 1961 were; President Ida N. Thorson and Secretary-treasurer Felix Banahan.

Texas Chapter was organized with nine members (a gain of eight over the year before) Their first officers were President Richard A. Hodges, Vice-president Bertie Sexton and Secretary-treasurer Virginia J. Swensen.

Washington State Chapter Executive Board met in Ellensburg in April where preparations were made for the State Convention which was held in Moses Lake in June. State officers elected were; President Arthur Mann, Vice-president Russell Soper, Secretary-treasurer Don Mumford. Arthur Dunbar, Legislative Chairman, reported that no progress had been made concerning a massage bill. The Seattle Chapter, under the guidance of local President Arthur Mann, was very active that year. A special meeting was called to meet with National President George Gammon, who made stops in Spokane, Kennewick and Seattle on his return trip from Omaha National Convention. John Murray was still editing the Washington Massage News and doing a fine job of it.

Wisconsin Chapter offered a prize to the writer of the best slogan concerning massage that was entered before the Boston Convention. At their December 10th meeting, in the home of Mino Randall, Mal-practice insurance came in for a good deal of discussion. 1961 officers were the same as the year before.

1962

Arizona Chapter had fifteen paid up members in 1962. A letter from Mr. Gammon, National President, stated that upon the suggestion of Mr. Sprague, a credential letter, for state officers, would be readied. This suggestion was passed as a motion at the National Convention in 1962. All officers were re-elected and since Mrs. Biersdoerf resigned her post of Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Sprague was given the office. Mr. Gammon attended the meeting of September 15th, and

told the group that all three suggestions proposed by their chapter had been presented and passed at national convention, i.e. change of name of the national magazine to Massage Journal, change in by-laws, change in application blanks.

The California Chapter quarterly meeting was held in Modesto, March 17th and 18th with thirty in attendance. Vice-president Irene Jordan presided in the absence of President Dausman. At this time the need for a News Letter was presented and J. H. Hatch was elected as editor and instructed to publish bi-monthly, alternating with the Massour. Anna Hoopes conducted a work shop and seven demonstrations were given. April 23, 1962, the first News Letter went to press and was mailed out to Californians one hundred and eleven members. It was decided that the Unit 3 should hold their meetings in the homes of members, rather than Hotels, in order to give others ideas of the working arrangements of their offices.

California State Convention was held June 8th, 9th and 10th in Long Beach with President Charles Dausman presiding. The by-laws were read and accepted and it was decided to incorporate the State Chapter within ninety days. In addition to other matters of business which were taken care of the proposed massage bill was read and discussed. About \$1,200.00 was raised in pledges to support the legislative fund. New officers installed were; President Thure Nystrom, Vice-president Irene Jordan, Secretary Anna Hoopes, Treasurer Eve Jorgenson, Director of Law and Legislation, George Gammon, Director of Education, Lloyd Allen and Director of Public Relations Lew Hatch.

Five Californians attended the National Convention. They were National President George Gammon and Mrs. Gammon, Mrs. Agnes Erohin, Ellen Chenard and Lew Hatch. During this summer there was an attempt to form an independent chapter in the north section of the state. However, it was not handled quite right and in the final discussions it was decided to stand as one strong and united State Chapter. Attendance at Unit 4 was so poor that members voted to consolidate with Unit 1 until there were enough members in Unit 4 to re-establish, and it was agreed to hold part of the meetings close to Unit 4.

The September quarterly meeting was held in Modesto the 29th and 30th with thirty-five in attendance. Plans were made to hire an attorney, present the Massage Bill in the next Legislature, get mal-practice insurance, etc. California received a \$37.50 Bond from the National for bringing in the most new members. By the end of 1962 California had about one hundred and fifty members.

Colorado Chapter re-elected all of their officers.

Georgia Chapter was meeting quarterly. Their new president was Arnold Ingemann, Vice-president Glenn Carlson and Secretary-treasurer was Lillian Derry.

Idaho Chapter retained all 1961 officers.

Illinois Chapter held their February and June meetings in Peoria. All officers were re-elected except for Secretary-treasurer. Roy P. Kruoger was the replacement. The Illinois members were saddened by the deaths of Arthur Melson and his mother within a few months of each other. Arthur was one of the earliest members, according to his file card, which was number forty-two. The Quad-State meetings were discontinued after the 1962 one in favor of once a year Mid-Western Conferences, which would include seven states.

Indiana Chapter meetings of January and March, were primarily concerned with

fund raising projects. Mary (Felton) Leets, founder of the Indiana Chapter and Charter Member of the National, was given Honorary Membership. George Stoller was editor of the Indiana Chapter A.M.T.A. News Letter. Bessie Erfurth was reported on the sick list and a free will offering was taken to help defray her expenses. June 9th and 10th were the dates of the first Mid-Western Conference which was held in Indianapolis. Other meetings were held in July, September and November. All officers were re-elected.

Iowa State Chapter officers were; President Donald Hudson, Vice-president Mina McGroovey and Secretary-treasurer Floy Brownlie.

Kansas Chapter met April 1st and November 4th in Emporia for some fine educational programs. All officers were re-elected.

Massachusetts Chapter membership was enthusiastic about The Seventeenth Annual National Convention of the A.M.T.A., which was held in the Konmore Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts on August 8 - 12, 1962. There were one hundred and twenty-five registered delegates, representing nineteen states. Convention Chairman Virginia C. George and Co-Chairman Ann B. White were examples of efficiency and hospitality at its best. The name of The Masseur magazine was changed to the Massage Journal in the thought that this name would meet the requirements of any state chapter. This change was reflected in the next issue of the national magazine and along with the new name came a new look. It was interesting to note that there were fourteen man and wife teams of massage therapists in attendance.

Dr. Garton, California, was in charge of the workshop, where they had ten tables in use for the demonstrations. A gift of Mrs. Lydia Hanson (Billie Riddle as she is now known), Montana, in memory of her late husband, Louis, resulted in the establishment of a non-interest Student Loan Fund. For officers elected in 1962, see list in back of book. All enjoyed a tour of Old Boston historical sites, where a couple of members were lost at one of the stops, however, they were found again before the end of the tour. The Saturday evening banquet with dancing afterward was a high spot in the program.

The Massachusetts Chapter decided to give a fifty dollar scholarship to a needy student. Officers elected were; President Rollin F. Porry, 1st Vice-president Emily W. Burda, 2nd Vice-president Thelma G. Kinsman, Secretary Lennea E. Jacobson, Treasurer Ann B. White and Chaplin Virginia George.

Michigan Chapter officers of the year were; President John A. Tucker, Vice-president Frank G. Matz, Recording Secretary Lottie S. Baker and Secretary-treasurer Bernard L. Matz.

Montana officers were all re-elected.

Missouri officers were all re-elected.

Nebraska Chapter semi-annual meetings were held in Scotts Bluff on May 19th and 20th and on September 29th and 30th, 1962. Officers of the year were; President Cordelia Nicolaus, Vice-president Olive Bausch, 2nd Vice-president Leora Johns and Secretary-treasurer Agnes Switzer.

North Dakota held their Third Annual State Convention in Fargo on September 7th to the 9th, with all forty-four members present. Immediate preparation for the National Convention to be held in Fargo in 1963, was launched into and committees were chosen. New officers were; President Gladys Neels, Vice-president

Elwood Anderson and Secretary-treasurer Albert E. Dahlgren. Eastern Director was Rachel Gustafson and Western Director was Mollie Wenz.

Oregon Chapter sent their oldest member, Lydia Norris, as their delegate to the National Convention and she came home with a glowing report. The chapter was still involved in protecting their profession. A plan was made to meet with the State Governor to enlist his help. All officers were re-elected.

Pennsylvania Chapter met in the home of Blandford (Blandy) Jones for the January meeting. There were twenty-six members in the chapter. On March 25th, in Philadelphia, thirty members and guests attended. The Fourth Annual Clinic was held October 14th. Members were getting to where they looked forward to this clinic. Officers that year were; President John G. Hiestand, Vice-president Edgar G. Hellinger and Paul A. Sittler, Secretary-treasurer.

Rhode Island officers were deeply involved in helping to put on the National Convention in Boston. Their officers were re-elected.

Texas Chapter met at Marbel Falls on March 31, 1962. They decided to hold district meetings as often as possible with two yearly state meetings. Their membership had now grown to sixteen. All officers were re-elected.

Washington State Legislature had passed House Bill #16, which is a Physical Therapy regulatory bill, containing amendments which were favorable to our profession. By keeping close watch on pending bills the Washington Chapter Legislative Committee had spiked efforts to get the bill passed in its original form, which would have been very detrimental to many of our members. John Murray resigned as editor of the Washington Massage News, and the April issue was the last one put out by him. New editor was Arthur Dunbar and due to the lack of material, only two issues have been published since. All officers were re-elected in the yearly Moses Lake meeting.

Wisconsin Chapter was host to the final Quad-State meeting on April 28th and 29th. They decided that since no suitable slogan had been offered, they would continue the twenty-five dollar prize offer another year. Their state officers were; President John Persona, Vice-president Oscar R. Simpson and Secretary-treasurer Frank Persitza.

1963

Arizona Chapter is not only first alphabetically, but was the first to gain a new member in 1963, making a total of eighteen paid up members. All officers remained, except Vice-president, which was filled by Steven J. Gasper. In April they learned that the Phoenix City ordinance was being reviewed to require an operator to be a graduate of an accredited school, and show proof of experience and pass a written and oral examination. The chapter enjoyed the full co-operation of the Police Department. A festive Christmas party was held on December 14th.

In California, Unit 4 was re-activated in October and Unit 5 was formed in Arcata. The first meeting of Unit 5 was held May 5th with fifteen members and guests present. This unit is in the Northern part of California and as their membership was small meetings were not held regularly for some time. It took six members in attendance to organize or hold meetings.

California Chapter quarterly meetings were held January 12th and 13th at Santa Barbara, with all officers present. This two day meeting was well attended and

many important items of business, such as law and legislature, publicizing massage, printing of the states by-laws so each member will have a copy, Association colors and banner, a committee composed of Anna Hoopes, Lee Dalton and Lew Hatch were appointed to investigate massage schools in California and compile a list that could be approved and expense of the delegate to the National was discussed with \$50.00 being allowed. California now had over two hundred members. Quarterly meeting on April 6th and 7th was hosted by Unit 3 in San Francisco. Group health and accident insurance was discussed in addition to the regular matters of business which the state had been working on. Workshop was conducted for the largest attendance at a quarterly meeting to this date.

California State Convention was held in Sacramento June 28th, 29th and 30th with over one hundred members in attendance. The Chapter's aims for that year were to increase the membership and work toward the passage of the massage bill. New officers elected were; President Wendall D. Payne, Vice-president Pauline S. Missino, Secretary Anna Hoopes, Treasurer Eva L. Jorgenson and Directors, George Gammon, Law and Legislation, Lloyd Allen, Education, Public Relations and new editor of the news letter, Kathern Dunagan and Member of the Board Thure Nystrom, Past President. It was decided the existing Units were to elect officers at their first meeting after State Convention and that members may vote only in their own Unit and those of the State and National. Workshop certificates were issued to thirty-two members who attended six or more workshops during the year. The Chapter sent word of thanks to Lew Hatch for a job well done on the News Letter.

October 26th and 27th, saw members gathered in El Segundo, California for their last Quarterly meeting of the year. The main item of business was discussion of 'Legal Fund' raising projects. Donations were taken and cards were sent with them to member Bessie Erfurth of Gary, Indiana, who had been suffering with Elophtiasis and weighed over eight hundred pounds. All who knew her, loved this fine woman.

Colorado Chapter officers remained the same.

Idaho Chapter officers of the year were; President Adole Buffington, Vice-president C. Belle Rose and Lillian D. Johnson, Secretary-treasurer.

Illinois Chapter member Jack Gorham sponsored four new members. The spring meeting was in Chicago with thirty-five members present. It was agreed to hold meetings more often. Anne Bergholz was the guest speaker. All officers were re-elected.

Indiana Chapter enjoyed the visit of National President Samuel Dahlgren. Their Mid-Western Conference met May 25, 26, 1963 in Fort Wayne. Other meetings of the year were held in July, September and November. Bessie Erfurth was moved to a nursing home and members were still helping her with what they could. Most faithful in helping her was the Lowell Spangle family who had helped day and night, anytime there was a need, for about fourteen years, without a word of complaint. Bessie was well loved by all who knew her, but love could not hold her to this earth, for she went to meet her maker on December 31, 1963. New officers for Indiana Chapter were; President William L. McLain, Vice-president Sylvester Wyss, Secretary-treasurer George Stoller, Executive Secretary Mildred Shaffer and Chaplin Charles Lindsay.

Iowa Chapter had their fall meeting on September 22nd in Cedar Rapids with eleven members and four guests present. New officers elected were; Arles G. Bahl,

President, J. A. Cunningham, Vice-president and Secretary-treasurer Floy Brown-lie.

Kansas Chapter officers were, Catherine Adams, President, Rebecca Burns, Vice-President and Mary G. Richey, Secretary-treasurer.

Massachusetts and Rhode Island Chapters decided to share all meetings and expenses because they felt there was inspiration in numbers. Students from the George School of Massage took part in the September 29th meeting demonstrating the things they had learned in school. All officers were re-elected.

Michigan Chapter engaged an attorney to represent them in the state legislature concerning their Massage Bill. October 20th was the date of a vegetarian dinner with two hundred guests present. Guest speaker was Anne Bergholz and her topic was "Is your daily diet for or against you?" All officers were re-elected.

Missouri Chapter officers were; President Truman D. Cramer, Vice-president Jessie J. Ray, Secretary-treasurer Kathryn E. Hunt and Chaplin Cordelia Hardy.

Montana Chapter members were experiencing a feeling of harmony and helpful concern for one another. Officers were; President Ruth Love Ball, Vice-president Ruth Robertson, Secretary-treasurer Florence Dutton, Recording Secretary John McGhee and Chaplin Irene Knels.

Nebraska State meetings were held May 4th and 5th with thirty-two members present and in Coznd on October 12th and 13th with the same number present. A fine informative program of lectures and workshop was enjoyed by all. Officers remained the same.

The desire for a lasting and continuous record of the National A.M.T.A. resulted in the appointment of Lucille Nelson, Nebraska as Historian. An appeal was sent out for early material, but from lack of forthcoming information, nothing much was accomplished at that time.

North Dakota Chapter was host to the Eighteenth National Convention held August 7-11, 1963, in the Hotel Gardner in Fargo. Several amendments were passed, one of them pertaining to the duties of the Vice-presidents, i.e. 1st Vice-president was to be Chairman of the Membership Committee, 2nd Vice-president was to be Chairman of the Public Relations Committee and 3rd Vice-president of the Legislative Committee. The official colors selected and voted upon were blue, gold, red and white. New membership pins were to be made up with these colors in the near future. The year book, decals and registry certificates all came in for a revamping. It was decided to select convention sites three years in advance instead on one as previously done. For list of national officers check Appendix in back of book. Members in North Dakota had outdone themselves to show delegates a fine time in their state. All North Dakota officers were re-elected.

Routine business was taken care of in the bi-monthly meetings in Oregon. All officers were re-elected for the year. The chapter had been without a Vice-president and Edna Rue was elected to fill the post.

Pennsylvania Chapter was successful in their efforts to have a city ordinance in Philadelphia, which without question made any A.M.T.A. member eligible for a license, while other therapists were being investigated. All officers were re-elected except for Vice-president and Inez V. Ahlquist was chosen for this

office.

Texas Chapter met in August at Olney. They jumped, feet first, into legislative waters to begin their fight to get a massage bill passed. All officers were re-elected. The Chapter was showing a wonderful increase in membership.

Utah Chapter was re-organized in 1963, making it the 22nd chapter under the National. Officers were; President Milo H. West, 1st Vice-president Golden S. Horsley, 2nd Vice-president Fay Ledford, 3rd Vice-president Bert F. Kidman, Secretary-treasurer Keith A. Erickson and Director Dr. Robert D. Jones.

Washington Chapter met again at Moses Lake in June. Officers were; C. Russell Soper, President, Joseph H. Heisler, Vice-president, Don Mumford, Secretary-treasurer. On a State level, Washington was not doing much, only meeting once a year, but the Seattle local chapter members were meeting bi-monthly.

Wisconsin Chapter's own Anne Bergholz was appointed as co-editor of the "Massage Journal". She was revamping the National Secretary-treasurers office with the object of less work and more efficiency. Since no suitable Slogan was offered, Wisconsin Chapter donated the \$25.00 prize money to the Fink Film Fund. All officers remained the same.

1964

The year 1964 brought the biggest national membership drive which had been entered into to this date. George Gammon, 1st Vice-president, had launched a program which he figured would put us over the 1000 membership mark. With mal-practice and health insurance to offer prospective members, they could save more than their yearly dues. National President Samuel Dahlgren urged state chapters to work hard to get massage laws passed, for it was the only way we could have adequate protection. During this time there were only seven states which has Massage Acts, and four other states who had City Ordinances to license massage. The A.M.T.A. now had a library of books which were in the keeping of Mary Veenstra, Detroit, Michigan, which were available to members for one dollar rental monthly.

In Arizona Chapter, work was begun to revise the state law concerning massage. It is noted that in Arizona, the classification of Massage and Therapist does not conflict with Physical Therapy. A study was made of massage bills from many states and after a great deal of deliberation it was decided to use the state of Montana's (rough draft) bill, with revision. On March 4th the bill had been revised and was ready for presentation in 1965. In early fall a membership drive was put on and every operator in the state was contacted. They gained fourteen new members making making a total of thirty-one. All officers were retained another year to complete the job of legislation which they had started.

In California, Attendance Certificates which would specify hours instead of days attended in Study Group (formerly called workshop). This change of wording was made to meet approval of the State Board of Education. All was in readiness for George Gammon and Adrian Freyling to present the massage bill in a few short weeks and members were working hard to raise the needed money. Plans were set to enter it in the 1965 session of the Legislature in January. December 1963 a few members met together in Santa Rosa with an interest toward forming a Unit in this district. The Unit 6 was formed in the February meeting and the first official meeting of Unit 6 was on March 30th. A plan was worked out whereby members would assist Adrian Freyling in his dedicated effort to come

up with a strong bill for legislation. \$55.00 was donated to the Legal Fund.

General Meeting of the California State Chapter was held February 15th and 16th in Millbrae with thirty-five in attendance. It was decided to call the association the California Massage Therapy Association (C.M.T.A.), affiliated with the A.M.T.A. The members were instructed that the California Physical Therapy Association and C.M.T.A. would not be consolidated, that they would remain separate and independent organizations. Members in the Long Beach area were seeking to change a law which forbade one to give a massage to the opposite sex. The State Convention met June 26th, 27th and 28th in El Segundo. More work was done on the Bill. Opposition to the bill was strong among some factions in the state and a real battle was anticipated. Money needed to carry on the fight was a prime subject. State officers installed were; President Wendell Payne, Vice-president Mia Fischer, Secretary Anna Hoopes and Treasurer Katherine Dunagan. Directors remained the same as in 1963. Forty were in attendance.

Colorado Chapter, with six active members, felt that the contemplated Health Department would be "rough" on massage therapists. They anticipated a night school to be opened soon offering a massage course. All state officers were re-elected.

Georgia State Chapter held two annual meetings, one in February and the other in October, where they featured work shops. David S. Carlson, head of their legislation committee stated that they had decided against entering a bill this year, after eight attempts. All officers were re-elected.

Idaho Chapter held four meetings yearly with demonstrations and discussions. This small chapter was able to have two members present at National Convention. All officers were re-elected.

Illinois Chapter was having a gradual increase in membership, and they were working to get a charter to protect themselves against unfavorable legislation. New officers elected this year were; President Roy P. Krueger, Vice-president John J. McCarthy, Secretary Gene F. Kasper and Treasurer Ray E. Johnson.

Indiana Chapter held their first meeting in Fort Wayne on January 12, 1964. Members observed a moment of silence in memory of Bessie Erfurth. George Stoller also passed away during that year. They held five other state-wide meetings, featuring education. New officers were; President Marvin L. Rittenhouse, Vice-president William L. McClain, Secretary-treasurer Lowell M. Spangle, Corresponding Secretary Esther I. Spangle and Chaplin Nelle R. Towe.

Iowa Chapter was host to the Mid-western Conference, at Davenport on April 11th and 12th, 1964. Members were able to defeat an unfavorable bill presented by the registered physical therapists by having petitions signed by five thousand persons and sent to congressmen. This was especially due to the efforts of Don and Myrtle Hudson. All state officers remained the same.

Kansas Chapter officers of 1964 were Judea W. Nizzla, President, Mary G. Richoy, Secretary-treasurer and Catherine R. Adams, Director.

Massachusetts and Rhode Island Chapters had an unusually interesting meeting at Westwood Lodge, Massachusetts. Speakers were Margaret Holmes, Occupational Therapist and Dr. Martha Brunner-Orme, Chief Psychiatrist from the Lodge. Members enjoyed a tour of the Lodge and refreshments. They were getting fine newspaper

publicity for their meetings. They gained six new members with some re-instatements. They had a "ways and means" table which was a constant source of income which they divided between the legal aid and the educational funds. Officers were; President Cecil W. George, 1st Vice-president Thelma G. Kindsman, 2nd Vice-president Michael Marchisin, Secretary-treasurer Virginia C. George, Assistant Secretary-treasurer Lennea E. Jacobson and Chaplin Emily W. Burda.

Michigan Chapter was already busy planning the 1965 National Convention to be held in their state. They had hopes of bringing in twenty new members soon. All officers were serving their third term.

Missouri Chapter was grateful to be a part of the A.M.T.A. and its forward movement. They had one Honorary Member, Maude L. Jameson. Officers were re-elected.

Montana Chapter with forty members were holding two day meetings twice yearly in Billings and once a year in Great Falls. They worked hard all year acquainting their politicians and legal advisers about their work and the necessity of having a license. Officers remained the same.

The Nebraska Chapter with a membership of twenty-four had two yearly meetings with workshop and speakers. A fine was imposed on members who were tardy or used incorrect terminology. The chapter was also a unit of the National Health Federation. New officers were; President Harold Collins, 1st Vice-president Warren L. Strunk, 2nd Vice-president Olive H. Bausch and Secretary-treasurer Agnes Switzer.

New Jersey was organized in February of 1964 and was comprised mainly of members from Pennsylvania who lived near the border of the two states. I have no record of who the first officers were.

North Dakota Chapter officers were; President Gladys B. Neels, Vice-president John Wentz, Secretary-treasurer Alice E. Olson and Directors Diana Kruoger and Albert Dahlgren.

Oregon Chapter suffered a reverse in membership and dropped from sixteen members to nine. Charles Sample moved to Florida and Edna Rue was selected to fill the post of Secretary-treasurer. Ethel Glassy was elected as President and Mr. Rose as Vice-president.

Pennsylvania Chapter officers remained the same.

Texas Chapter officers were Dorman Clyde Blaylock, President, E. Jerome Cook, Vice-president and Virginia J. Swenson, Secretary-treasurer.

Utah Chapter officers were re-elected.

Washington State officers for 1964 were; President Joseph H. Heisler, Vice-president Ruth E. Williams and Don Mumford, Secretary-treasurer. The state meeting was again held in Moses Lake the first Sunday in June.

Wisconsin Chapter was host to the Nineteenth Annual National Convention in Milwaukee, August 5th through the 9th, 1964. The President was given the power to appoint the chairman of all committees except the nominating committee. He could also be given power to appoint it, if members in convention voted to do so. The Nominating Committee was to consist of two members from each district and one